



**SPED Discipline Information System**

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Report of Children with Disabilities Unilaterally Removed to an Interim Alternative Setting, or Suspended or Expelled opened on **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**. The report is due **by June 16<sup>th</sup>**, which is earlier than in previous years, and must be submitted by all public and state operated schools. It is collected on the NDE portal under the data collection tab. New directions as well as a new template for using the upload option have been posted on the site.



**GMS: 2014-2015 Early Childhood State Grant Available May 1**

Contact: Linda Meyers ([linda.meyers@nebraska.gov](mailto:linda.meyers@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-2980)

The 2014-2015 Early Childhood State Grant application is now available in the GMS as of Thursday, May 1, 2014 and will be due Tuesday, June 17, 2014. This grant is **only available to specified districts/ESUs for continuation of current grants**.



**2014-2015 Student and Staff Instructions**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

The following documents for the 2014-2015 school year are now available on the NSSRS Resources web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>):

NSSRS Calendar, Student instructions, Excessive Absenteeism and Student Summary Attendance Template Collection Periods, 2012-2013 Post School Survey instructions, New Rules in NSSRS Data Manager (Student), Retired Errors in NSSRS Validation (Student), Staff instructions, Course Codes and Clearing Endorsements, and updated blank NSSRS Files.



**Federal Office of Management and Budget approval of the 2013-2014 Civil Rights Data Collection.**

The Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), conducted biannually by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR), will be collected from every public school and district for the 2013-2014 and the 2015-2016 school years. The Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has now approved the 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 CRDC, and the information concerning these collections can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr/data.html>.

The major phases of the 2013-2014 data collection include:

*Fall 2013 – Early Summer 2014:* Districts gather data elements collected on the CRDC.

*Fall 2014 – Winter 2014:* Survey submission window for districts to submit their data to OCR.

NDE wants to ensure that Nebraska districts are aware that this collection is coming up and what data elements will need to be reported. Documentation concerning these data elements can be found at the link above, including new elements that will be required for the 2013-2014 collection.

If you have questions about the 2013-2014 CRDC, please contact the USDE Office of Civil Rights at [ocrdata@ed.gov](mailto:ocrdata@ed.gov).



### **Student Match Data - National Student Clearinghouse "StudentTracker"**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

The National Student Clearinghouse data download is now available for 2012–2013 graduates. For many districts, this resource is used to support data matching and follow-up requirements for state and federal reporting (e.g., Carl D. Perkins Career Education) in addition to tracking and assessing the educational achievement of former students.

To access this information, enter the NSSRS Validation section of the NDE portal. Next, locate the "Data Downloads" tab in the blue options ribbon at the top of the page. Beneath the "Data Downloads" tab, you will find the "Student Clearinghouse" option. Selecting the "Student Clearinghouse" option provides an overview of the National Student Clearinghouse, the StudentTracker system, as well as external links for more information. At the bottom of the page you will find links to Excel data file(s) which contain the student match information from the National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker for your school district. The year represented by the link indicates the academic year in which the students contained in the file graduated with a diploma (only students graduating early or on-time are included in the file). Details explaining the data elements included in the Excel files are also provided.



### **Community Eligibility Provision a New Opportunity for Schools**

Contact: Bev Benes (402-471-3566 or [bev.benes@nebraska.gov](mailto:bev.benes@nebraska.gov))

The Community Eligibility Provision or CEP is a new opportunity for schools with high percentages of low-income children to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, while eliminating the traditional, often complicated, school meal application processes. This provision was included in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

CEP completely eliminates paper applications. Instead, schools are reimbursed through a formula based on the number of "identified students." These are students who are certified without application for free school meals because they are in foster care or Head Start, are homeless, migrant or living in households that receive SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF cash assistance, Food Distribution on Indian Reservation benefits or Medicaid.

CEP provides a number of benefits to children, families and schools including:

- Increased breakfast and lunch program participation with the offering of universally free meals
- Easier implementation of alternative meal models such as Grab 'n Go
- Reduced administrative work through the elimination of participation records and free/reduced price meal applications.
- Improved financial viability of meal programs due to increased participation and improved reimbursement formulas

CEP will be available as an option in Nebraska starting with the 2014-2015 school year. To find out more about CEP, checkout Nutrition Services' CEP webpage <http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/NSLP/CEP/CEP.html>



**The following collections in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) are now open.**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

**State of the Schools Report**

District Information and Improvement Goals

Graduation Requirements

School Information and Improvement Goals

***Collection completed by Public - Due June 16***

For more information, contact John Moon – [john.moon@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.moon@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-1685

**Substitute Teachers**

For the reporting of substitute teachers.

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, ESU, State Operated and Interim Programs - Due June 16.***

This data collection will permit you to upload/enter data regarding substitute teachers that have already been employed during the 2013-14 school year and receive feedback on any data errors or potential violations by your school if the individual does not currently hold a valid Nebraska certificate. By uploading/entering data now, your school will have sufficient time to correct any errors or potential violations to ensure that any substitute teachers hold a valid Nebraska certificate before the data collection closes.

For more information contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

**Report of Suspensions/Expulsions**

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions).

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated – Due June 16.***

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321

**Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours**

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site.

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated– Due June 16.***

For more information on Days In Session, contact Bryce Wilson [bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov](mailto:bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4320.

For information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – [tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov](mailto:tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3184.

For information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – [freida.lange@nebraska.gov](mailto:freida.lange@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2444

**ESU/District/System/School Information Report**

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year.

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU and Interim – Due June 16.***

For more information, contact Ginny Carter – [ginny.carter@nebraska.gov](mailto:ginny.carter@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2369.

**Nonpublic High School Completer Report**

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12.

***Collection completed by Nonpublic– Due June 16.***

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321

**Annual Participation Report**

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent, Title I Part D, Subpart 2 (Delinquent); Homeless – Unaccompanied.

***Collection completed by Public– Due June 16.***

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

(402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – [beth.zillig@nebraska.gov](mailto:beth.zillig@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2452

### **Pupil Transportation Report**

Transportation/Bus Information.

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU– Due June 16.***

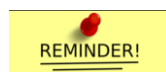
For more information, contact Janice Eret – [Janice.eret@nebraska.gov](mailto:Janice.eret@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2248

### **Postsecondary Terms**

Collects postsecondary term-specific information applicable to the 2014 academic school year. This data supports the Nebraska P16 Initiative and Nebraska P-20 SLDS.

***Collection completed by Postsecondary Schools– Due June 16.***

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321



### **Consultation with Nonpublic Schools for 2014-15 School Year Due May 1, 2014**

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)) or Edy Clark (402-471-2481 or [edy.clark@nebraska.gov](mailto:edy.clark@nebraska.gov))

Nonpublic consultation information was sent to Public School Superintendents and Title I listserv on March 10, 2014. Forms are due to NDE Federal Programs Office on or before **May 1, 2014**. The nonpublic consultation lists and forms NDE 34-014 & NDE 04-012 are available at

[http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/ESEA\\_NCLB\\_Programs.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/ESEA_NCLB_Programs.html), or

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20IX.html> beneath the header “Nonpublic Consultation Information.”

The Uniform Provisions Section 9501 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), reauthorized as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), requires that every district receiving grants for federal program(s) provide equitable services and meet the needs of eligible Nonpublic School students and/or teachers and other education personnel. **Every public school district in Nebraska having one or more nonpublic school(s) located within the district’s geographic boundaries must submit a signed Nonpublic School Participation Form (NDE 34-014) on an annual basis for each nonpublic school located within its boundaries.**

Districts with Title I programs must contact **all** nonpublic schools where any low-income children from their district attend to determine if the low-income nonpublic students reside in an eligible attendance area. **Districts must conduct a consultation and complete a copy of Form NDE 04-012 for each nonpublic school reporting low-income students.** The consultation should include use of remaining school year 2013-14 Title I funds as well as the 2014-15 allocations. The Free and Reduced Lunch data was submitted by nonpublic schools in the fall of 2013 on the “Nonpublic Membership Report,” which is in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC).

If you have questions, please contact Edy Clark at [edy.clark@nebraska.gov](mailto:edy.clark@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-2481. You may also contact the NDE staff person responsible for reviewing the ESEA/NCLB application for your district.



### **NeSA-RMS Key Dates**

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or [valorie.foy@nebraska.gov](mailto:valorie.foy@nebraska.gov))

Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table

INSIGHT/eDirect Test Setup for NeSA-RMS available to districts	March 3
NeSA RMS and NeSA AA Paper/Pencil materials delivered to districts	March 3
Districts Train School Personnel and Distribute Materials	One week prior to test window
Distribute Materials to Test Administrators	Same Day as Testing
NeSA-Reading, Math, and Science Testing Window	March 24-May 9
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up Test Materials From Districts	May 14
NeSA WebEX on Reporting	July 14-16*
Provide District Access to NeSA RMS reports and Data File on eDirect	July 16*
Deliver printed NeSA and NeSA-AA ISRs	August 4*

**\*Dates in table were updated April 3, 2014**

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

## **HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

**All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.**

**If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.**

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

**OR**

2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

**OR**

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

**Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.**

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer or Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

**THANK YOU!**

## **NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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